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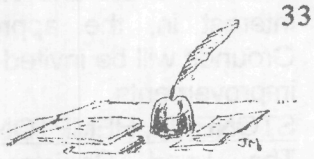

EDITORIAL

From the gutter to the skies this month. Ric Haslam's CUP Day was clearly a success, not only because of the number of gutters left pristine but also in terms of community effort and involvement.
In the other direction, Tanya Chadwick, co-chair of the Primary School PTA, and Margaret Sharpe, Year 2 teacher at the School, propose to ascend to 12,000 feet and then fling themselves earthwards. Their sponsored parachute jump will raise funds for a relocated School playground. (Details at the P.O.)
There are changes on the Parish Council. Chairman, Jim Flux, and Vice-Chairman, Geoff Todd, have stepped down. The positions have been taken by Terry Clinch and Linda Davies. The DN would like to offer thanks and congratulations to all four Councillors.
The Police News offers an interesting comparison. 150 years ago The Rev. Cotton Risley was much exercised by drunkards, burglarious entry, possession of firearms, purloined pawn tickets. Today P.C. Bob Donohue regrets the recent 'mindless vandalism' at the Windmill Centre (for which we all have literally to pay) but reports an otherwise 'crime-free month'.
Round-up. The Friends of Deddington Library much appreciate the support they have had from the Parish. £2,000 raised in six months – not bad. The Youth Club looks set to re-start. Don't forget the Farmers' Market Meeting or the DoL Review. The new F. and M. outbreak shows that we still need to respect footpath restrictions. Please enter our Poetry Competition (p.14). Finally, this month you may suffer from the equivalent of supermarket rage (when they change the aisles and organic elastoplast is where the HP sauce used to be). The July Diary doesn't end on the back page. Jolts are good for us. K.T.

Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 – 12.
Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
Fridays: British Legion, Prize bingo and " Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm

JUNE DIARY

Sat	2	Deddington Beeches Bowls Club cake/plant stall in the Market Place, 9 – 11 am. (p.6)
Mon	4	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon.
Tue	5	Song Circle meets at Old Bakehouse, New Street, 7.30 pm.
Tue	5	Deddington Colts AGM Deddington Arms 8 pm. (p.7)
Wed	6	Monday Morning Club: Bus for *Twelfth Night* leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm.
Thu	7	DoL Triennial Review, Crown and Tuns, Deddington, 6.30 pm (p.9)
Fri	8	Deddington Farmers' Market Meeting, Town Hall 7.45 pm. (p.11)
Sat	9	Book Sale, Rosemary Arnold at the Town Hall Undercroft, 9.30 am – noon. (p.8)
Sat	9	British Legion Club: *Cooking on Gas* (Live music), 8.45 pm.
Tue	12	WI: *Great Ormond Street Hospital*, Professor K Holt, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	13	Friendship Club: Carpet Bowls Afternoon, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. (p.7)
Wed	13	Deddington History Society: visit to Aynhoe Park. (p. 6)
Wed	13	Thursday Club AGM, Windmill Centre 6.30 pm. (p.10)
Sat	16	Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Open Day 10.30 am 12.30pm Windmill (p.6)
Sat	16	Deddington Primary School Fete. Gates open 2 pm. Primary School (p.4)
Sun	17	Cream Teas in the Hermitage garden, Market Place, in aid of National Deaf Children's Society.
Tue	19	**COPY DATE FOR JULY DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Tue	19	Song Circle meets at Old Bakehouse, New Street, 7.30 pm
Wed	20	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7 30 pm.
Fri	22	British Legion Club outing to Ascot with evening entertainment.
Tue	26	Deddington Players meeting Windmill Centre 7.30pm
Wed	27	Friendship Club outing.
Thu	28	Deddington Cricket Club Quiz Night, The Unicorn, 7.30 pm. (p.7)

JULY DIARY

Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting, 16 May 2001, Town Hall

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Bell, Clarke, Clinch, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Hart, Haslam, Hill, Newey, Swash, Todd, Walker, the Clerk, C/Cllr Matthews, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 4 members of the public.

CASTLE GROUNDS

Neighbouring farmers, OCC, the Church Commissioners and other users of, or with an interest in, the approaches to the Castle Grounds will be invited to contribute to costs of improvements.

STONEPIT, HEMPTON

The Land Registry requested additional documentation. This has now been provided. Until the land is formally registered to the parish, no further action will be taken by PC.

RUBBISH

Refuse is collected on Mondays in one part of the parish and Thursdays in the other, with a changeover every 5 years. For fairness, PC will ask CDC if this can be reduced to 3 years.

The recent 'Clean Up Parish' day was very successful, thanks to volunteers and sponsors. Parishioners are reminded not to overload the Cosy Lane skip, nor leave rubbish lying around.

IT'S A PLANT

An unfortunate side effect of the otherwise successful recent weed-killing was the destruction of hollyhocks growing in the open. Volunteers will be asked to act as ragwort monitors – the weed can be fatal to horses.

THIS SPORTING LIFE

Improvements to the all-weather pitch and its surroundings are in hand. There will no longer be a charge for using the pitch, but any floodlighting will have to be paid for. The feasibility of providing a skateboard park and/or BMX track is being looked at.

PLANNING

PC no objection to: (i) *No 3 Philcote Street, Deddington* – replacement of aluminium windows with hardwood (but should be 6 panes, not 4 as proposed). (ii) *Weeping Ash, Clifton* – new vehicular access (provided Highways agree). (iii) *Brick Court, Hudson Street, Deddington* – fell Leylandii.

PC continues to oppose retrospective permissions, including the remaining Velux rooflight at *Sunnyside, Hopcraft Lane*.

CDC approvals

Field House, Chapman's Lane; Park Farm, New Street; Walnut Tree workshops, St Thomas Street; Holly Tree Cottages; 25 The Daedings (all in Deddington).

THE VILLAGE STEWARD

PC will keep the parish informed about the duties and work schedule of the village steward.

DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

DCFC and PC have met and agreed on ways of making progress, such as the Club applying for grants and the Council giving security of tenure.

WINDMILL CENTRE COMPLEX

PC to take on responsibility for external maintenance of pavilions and communal fences. The Bowls Club will be reimbursed for the external work they have already carried out. Clubs remain responsible for internal maintenance.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Friends of the Library have now reached their fund-raising target of £2,000.
- Landscaping as originally agreed will be carried out at Wimborn Close.
- There is no proposal to turn the Holly Tree lawn into a car park.
- Over the year 2000/2001, Councillors as a whole made 141 attendances out of a possible 163, a score of 86.5%.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £6,432.10. including £1,543.33 annual insurance premium, £1,200.29 steward's wages for 6 weeks, and £955 John Boss for grasscutting.

Investments totalled £559,752.73, of which £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 5% on 120 days; £5,425.29 @ 3% on 14 days; £505,277.47 West Bromwich @ 5.55% + £28,579.97 @ 1.8%, both overnight; £500 current.

NEW PC CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Cllrs Flux and Todd stood down. The new Chairman is Cllr Terry Clinch, and Vice-chairman Cllr Linda Davies. Both were elected unopposed.

The existing structure of Working Groups will continue and details of these and other responsibilities of Councillors will be available at the next PC meeting, and published in *The Deddington News*, together with information about student grants and how to apply.

PC MEETINGS will normally be held on the third Wednesday in the month.

NEXT MEETING Wed 20 June, 7.30pm, T Hall.

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on noticeboards in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, and on the village website www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

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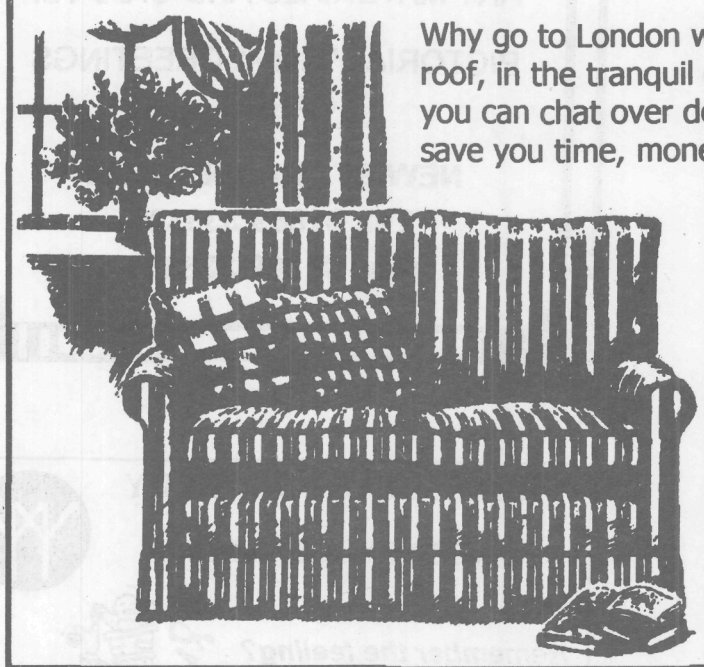

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 2 May 2001, Windmill Centre

About 40 parishioners met to hear the PC's report on the year's activities. At an APM, questions may be asked and issues raised but no decisions can be taken.

Brief highlights

All 23 of the 'Affordable Houses' in Wimborn Close are now occupied by people with at least 5 years' association with the parish.

The Millennium Map is now installed in the parish church, and a special copy is to be displayed under the Town Hall arches.

Sales of the Millennium Calendar did not come up to expectations.

Grants were made to students, the Windmill Centre, Deddington Colts Football Club, Deddington Library, the Youth Club and the Map Group.

The interest from over £550,000 parish funds is used to finance ongoing projects like grants and the village steward. The annual precept was raised to help cover running expenses.

A watchful eye is being kept to ensure as far as possible that there are no more large-scale housing developments in the parish.

Future prospects

Results from a major survey of parking are expected shortly.

The possibility of a skateboard facility and/or BMX track is being explored.

In about 18 months' time, the Deddington-Clifton footpath should be completed from end to end.

Public opinion will be canvassed on the desirability or otherwise of A-boards and free-standing advertising signs.

Points from the floor

People may be less concerned about the presence of advertising signs than the scarcity of village notice boards.

The so-called improvements to the front of the former Deddington Salerooms, now Philip Allan Updates, continue to offend.

Additional safety measures are urgently needed at the Chapel Square and Hempton pinch points. 2 years ago a traffic-calming scheme for Deddington was agreed and costed. We are still waiting.

Street drains at the Market Place/Chapel Square interface discharge foul water when rainfall is heavy but by no means excessive.

Current government housing policy requires Oxfordshire (not counting Upper Heyford) to absorb 35,500 new dwellings, about one in three of them in Cherwell District.

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'CUP' Day 2001 from RIC HASLAM

'Clean Up Parish' Day, on Saturday May 12, was organised by the Parish Council to improve our Parish and improve the environment. I would like to thank the following people who put in a fantastic effort.

All the sponsors, especially The Unicorn and The Holcombe Hotel who provided us with rooms and refreshments for the 'Clean Up'. Local businesses donated wonderful prizes for everyone taking part.

The Parish residents who helped on the day included: Jim & Barbara Bell, Pat Brittain, Jim Flux, Gavin & Victoria, Vivian, Ed & Thomas Young, Sue Goddard, John, Molly & Kate Neild, Linda Davies, Pat Swash, Jackie Williamson, Terry Clinch, Richard Phethean, Erica & Lucy Oram, Ralph Elsley, Sally & Matthew Haslam & Mr Greenwood. I am told many more residents helped but I did not get your names – sorry.

Once again thank you for collecting over 30 bags of rubbish etc. and let's all work to Keep our Parish Clean!

And a personal view-point... from MOLLY NEILD

'CUP' DAY "Sweep the streets? Who, me?" But I did. So did my husband, daughter and some 30 other villagers. Armed with sun-hats, buckets and shovels we rallied to Ric's call. We really enjoyed the two hours clearing our chosen neighbourhoods of cigarette ends, sweet papers and extraneous objects. (Anyone lost a motor cycle exhaust pipe ?) Whenever one looked into the the distance there was a figure bent meaningfully over the gutter, giving one a satisfying feeling of community effort. The donated cool drinks revived us and the delicious snack lunch rounded off the morning, together with generous raffle prizes. It would be good to do this again with at least twice the number of volunteers to keep our beautiful village clean. Watch this space!

JULY DIARY Continued from page 1.

Wed	4	Deddington Ladies; the Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Fri	6	Deddington Babies & Toddlers Outing to Hatton Country World (p.6)
Tue	10	WI: Shiatsu For Health And Wellbeing, Mrs Maria Huff, Holly Tree, 7 30 pm.
Mon	16	Deddington Youth Club. Open Evening with special events Windmill 7 –9 pm. (p.6)
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm

SCHOOL NEWS

This term we welcome Mr Stuart Lester who is currently teaching our Year 4 class while Mrs Sargant is on maternity leave. We were delighted to hear that Mrs. Sargant and her husband are now the proud parents of a daughter, Abigail. Mrs Margaret Brennan, whose son, Isaac, was born last November, returns to school after half term.

Children have been working very hard on their statutory and non-statutory tests. They are looking forward to the more enjoyable summer activities. In June we have an Art Project. Parents and children are creating an alphabet corridor . Our thanks to Mr Tony Houghton, the talented parent at the helm ! If you have any spare emulsion paint I'm sure Tony and his team could use it.

Our School Fete is on Saturday June 16 and we hope to see many of you there as usual. On Monday July 2 we will be holding our annual School Sports Evening. On Thursday July 12 our Years 5 and 6 are producing a concert in aid of the Deddington Library Fund. As you can see, we have another action-packed term ahead !

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

... and from the PTA

Our Annual School Fete is on Saturday June 16, gates open at 2pm. Arrive early and see the RAF Parachute Display Team 'jump in' at 2.15 and officially open the Fete. We have a Circus Demonstration with juggling, plate spinning etc., followed by a workshop for everyone. There is a dog agility demonstration and Centrepoint are sponsoring an amazing Air Display with acrobatics and looping the loop. Deddington Arms are sponsoring a Balloon Race. Price: £1 per balloon, to the school office, with your name and address. £25 to the balloon that travels furthest. Other attractions include face painting, hair streaks, glitter tattoos, tombolas, lucky dips for the children, prizes for adults, a licensed bar and cream teas throughout the afternoon. There may even be a guest appearance from Wellard, the Dog from Eastenders, (if he is not filming !). Everyone pray for good weather.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Ladies Night. We raised a fantastic £670.

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RIPPLES IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD....

In May, Kate Wilson, 22, of The Leyes, Deddington, flew out to attend the Monaco Grand Prix.. No, she was not driving a growling machine but had been chosen as a First Aid expert to look after spectators and track-side staff during the week's events and during the Big Race itself on May 27. Six First Aiders are chosen from each European country.

Kate is an advanced First Aider, trained by Oxfordshire Ambulance Service, and has been a member of the Red Cross for six years. She is studying French and Italian at Warwick University and was chosen for the Monaco job partly because she speaks fluent French. (She hopes to specialise in medical translation after she graduates.)

Congratulations, Kate ! We were scanning the crowds as well as the cars on May 27, hoping for a glimpse of your face. Ed.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST – PARISH AND DEANERY MAGAZINES

With the dreaded Foot and Mouth disease on everybody's mind, I searched through "my" magazines hoping to discover how Deddington coped with such outbreaks in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. I drew a complete blank. Given the usual thorough reports on Parish life, particularly in the early magazines, dare one hope that Deddington was spared ? (According to the Encylopaedia Britannica there were 11 Foot and Mouth outbreaks in Britain between 1839 – 1902, then none until after World War 1.)

The town was not so lucky when an outbreak of "serious illness" hit the people in June/July 1889, "and it was thought advisable not to allow visitors and out-of-town parishioners to assemble for the St. Peter & Paul Church Dedication Festival."

Church records for burials during these months make sad reading and the Vicar notes: "The above list of Burials is larger for a single month than any we remember publishing. That for June was heavy, but this for July is heavier. Mortality has indeed been great of late in our midst, and some cases very sad. Children have been left fatherless, wives widows, and the young have fallen into an early grave. Upon one family in particular has the visitation fallen with unusual severity – father, sons and daughter have been taken. May those of us who are left remember that time is short, and that we know not what a day may bring forth !"

RUTH JOHNSON

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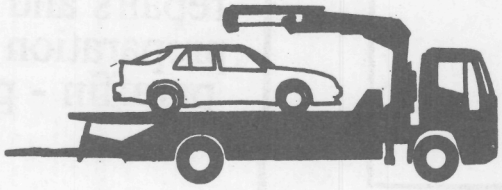

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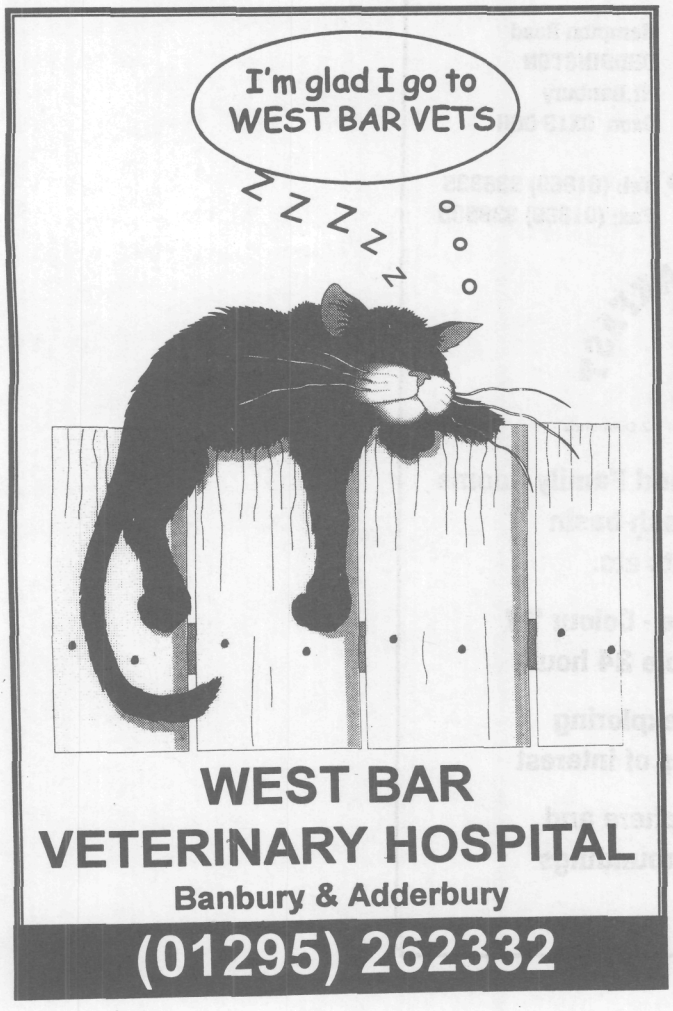

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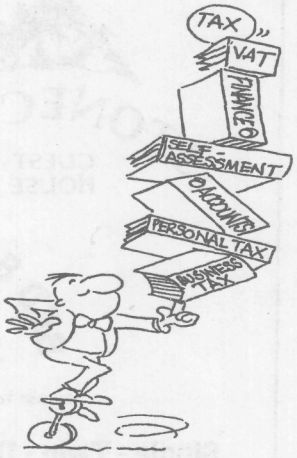

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Wed 6 10am. Eucharist.
Thu. 7 2pm. Squeals and Wheels (Prams & Toddlers Service).
Sun 10 10 30am. Trinity Sung Eucharist.
Mon 11 10 am. St. Barnabas Eucharist
Wed 13 10 am. Eucharist
Thu 14 10 am. Eucharist for Corpus Christi
Sun 17 8 am. Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30 am. Sung Mattins (BCP)
Wed 20 10 am. Eucharist
Sun 24 10.30am. Birth of St. John the Baptist. Sung Eucharist
Wed 27 10 am Eucharist
Fri 29 10 am. SS Peter and Paul Eucharist

June Services (St John, Hempton)

Sun 17 9am. Eucharist **Sun 24** 6 pm. Evensong (BCP)

Bible Study Home Group Meetings

Wed June 6 and 20 7.30pm. for 8 pm. at Boulderdyke, Clifton.
Wed June 13 and 27 7.30pm for 8pm. at 2 The Leyes.

Derrick Wincer begins a fortnightly group on **Mondays, June 4 and 18** this month, **2.30 pm. at 12 The Daedings**, and would welcome anyone able to come. The subject will be the Acts of the Apostles.

Mothers' Union Meeting will be the Deanery Festival Service at **Bloxham Church, Tuesday June 5, 7.30pm.**

The Wave of Prayer is on **Monday June 11.**

The Church Club meets every Monday in **term time** at the Primary School, 3.15–4pm.

If you wish to enquire about weddings, baptisms, funeral, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please get in touch with the Vicar, Revd Dr Hugh White, 28, Duns Tew (349869) or the Churchwardens, George Fenemore (338203) and Ray Sones (338027)

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The preacher on **Sundays 3 and 10 June** is Pastor Walton. **June 17** Philip Yates
June 24 John Burston

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June 3 To be announced **Sun 10** Mr. Andrew Cotton **Sun 17** Mr. Harold Puttick
Sun 24 Pastor I. Walton **Sun July 1** To be announced

The funeral service for Kate Palmer was held at the Congregational Church on Monday May 14 and was taken by Mr. Stephen English of Adderbury. He gave a moving tribute, as did Kate's friend of many years, Miss Eva Welby of Gawcott. The cremation service in Banbury was led by Pastor Walton of the Wesleyan Reform Church.

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Mass will be said at Adderbury at 8.30am, on Sundays and 7pm. on Wednesdays. Mass will be said at Hethe on Sundays and on weekdays (other than Wednesday) at 10 am. Confessions. Hethe: Saturdays 5.30pm – 6pm. Adderbury: before Sunday Mass. Thursday, June 14 Feast of Corpus Christi. Mass at Adderbury for the Vigil will be the evening Mass on **Wednesday June 13.** Masses of the Feast will be said at **Hethe at 10am and 7.30pm.**

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

TRIBUTE

KATE PALMER

Kate came to Deddington in the 1940s as Cook/Housekeeper to the Cubitt family, with her husband, Arthur, and son, David. They quickly fitted into village life. After retirement they moved to Hopcraft Lane where their door was always open to their many friends. Kate was a true Christian and a staunch member of the Congregational Church where she helped with Sunday School. She also shared fellowship with the Wesleyan Church at their morning services. She will be greatly missed by both churches and her many other friends. Our sympathy goes to David, Shirley and family.

JOYCE MINNEAR

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors
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DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB We are holding an Open Evening at the Windmill Centre on Monday, July 16, 7-9 pm for young people aged 10-15 years from the parish or previous members. Parents are welcome. There will be many activities – arts, crafts and sports with special events. Entry is free and tuck will be available. We are still looking for a Leader, so if you are interested do come along, or phone me. **GAY BREWER 338097**

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB Our season got off to a flying start with four wins out of four. Hopefully this will continue. We are holding a Cake/Plant Sale under the Town Hall on June 2, 9-11 am. On Sat. June 16 from 10.30-12.30, we invite all aspiring bowlers to come to the Green to have a go. Coffee and cookies will be provided and we have woods and shoes available. Come and give us a try. **YVONNE TWOMEY 337213**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results

Cropredy(h)	Lost 1-5	Flowing Well(h) (Dave Wood Cup Semi Final)	Won 2-1
Flowing Well(a)	Lost 1-6	Sinclair (at Ruscote Sports) (Dave Wood Cup Final)	Lost 0-1

The two cup matches were the highlights of last month. An excellent all round team performance saw off a physical Flowing Well side in the Semi Final. This set up a final with League Champions Sinclair, a tight contest with the only goal coming mid way through the second half. Deddington finished the stronger team but couldn't quite force an equaliser.

Next season we hope to run two teams again. The intention is for the Reserve Side to comprise players from within the parish. If any players, old or new, are interested please contact me. The AGM takes place on June 6 when all the decisions will be made. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS There will be a get-together at the Windmill on June 26, 7.30 pm, to start the Pantomime planning for January 2002 (probably 17-19), with rehearsals starting in early November. Anybody interested is welcome. We need backstage crew, especially on the technical side (lights, sound, etc) as well as actors. Do come along. There will be a glass of wine, soft drinks and nibbles. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP The summer sale on May 18 was a great success. We bought summer clothes for the children in hopeful anticipation of warmer weather, and went home with books for the children or treats for ourselves. The group earned some valuable commission, including a selection of books. If you missed it this time, the next sale has been pencilled in for November 9. By the time you read this the playbus will have visited the group. The summer outing on July 6 is to Hatton Country World – watch for more details on the notice board shortly. We're also planning a teddy bears' picnic on August 17. We will be meeting all through the summer, so if you look after a baby or toddler and would like to join us, just come along to the Windmill any Friday between 9.30-11.30am. **LUCY SQUIRES 338442**

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB The tennis courts can be used by anybody wearing trainers. If you are not a member but would like to play, the key can be borrowed from Windmill Stores for £5 an hour. If you are thinking of joining, come along to a club night which is every Wednesday from 6 pm to dark; or ring Peter Gough (membership secretary, 01295-810354) or me. All four Deddington teams have been playing matches and have a busy season ahead. There will be up to date results in the next DN. **KATIE McGOVERN 338771**

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY On May 9 Nick Allen spoke to us about Aynhoe Park, which we shall visit on June 13 – the Society's final event of this season. Nick, who now lives at Adderbury, was the administrator at Aynhoe in the the late 1970s. During his time there he devoted himself to studying its history and architecture on which he has become an authority. Perhaps his greatest coup in that time was his discovery in the cellar of one of Sir John Soane's drawings for the house. Nick has agreed to accompany us on our tour, when we intend to take full advantage of his knowledge and good nature.

It has been another good year for us, with varied and interesting speakers, our first day school, and the prospect of research projects getting under way. Many thanks to committee members, to all those who have been involved with the programme, and to our remarkably loyal and enthusiastic members. We hope to see everyone back at the Windmill Centre when we return to action on Wednesday, September 12. **CHRIS DAY 337204**

PUMAS IN THE PARISH ? Clawed horses, unearthly howls from the undergrowth. For the past month there have been inexplicable happenings in the Parish. Rumour has settled on a pair of pumas. Will anyone who has an explanation or any *hard facts* please contact the DN. Ed.

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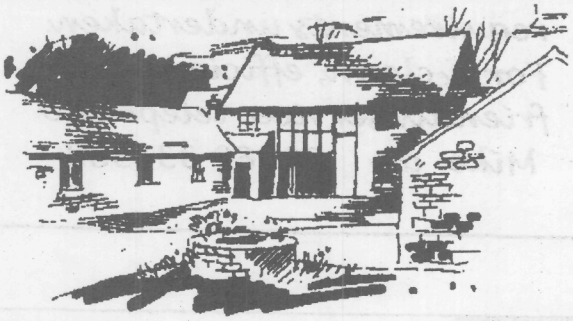

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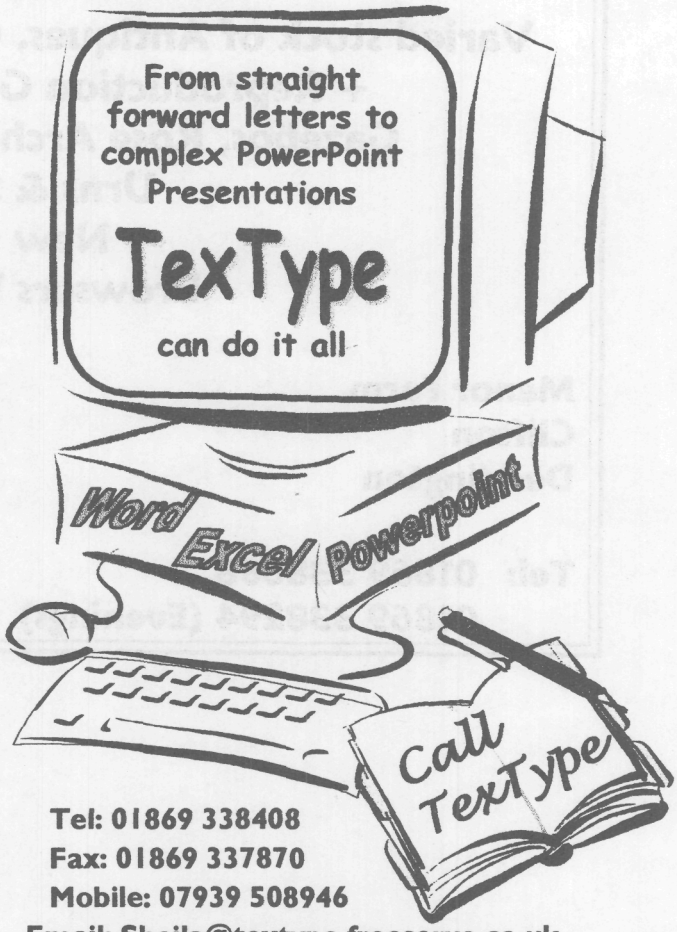

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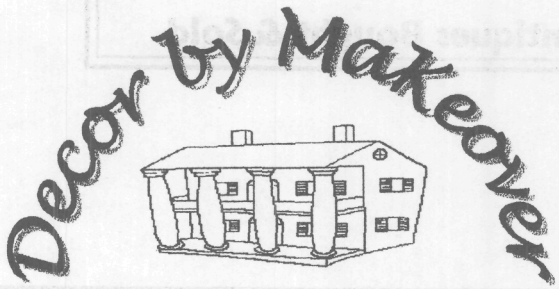

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Calling all Clubs contd.

DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB Our AGM takes place in the function room of The Deddington Arms on Tuesday, June 5, at 8.00pm. We are keen to encourage more participation in the club. For some of the roles you don't necessarily need to know about football!

Deddington Colts' Presentation Evening is at the Windmill Centre on June 16 from 4.00pm. Players from the six squads will receive their squad medals and a 'Special Guest' present awards for Player of the Season, Sportsman of the Season, Players' Player of the Season and Most Improved Player. Entertainment includes a Pig Roast, Bouncing Castle, Raffle, Evening Disco and Bar. Entry free for registered players; all supporters invited.

The 2000/01 league season is now complete but our enthusiastic youngsters and team managers will be participating in six a side tournaments across Oxfordshire during the Summer. Details of the final results are:

Under 10 Colts *Supplementary Cup Final. Witney Vikings* Lost 3-0; **Under 11 Colts** *Bloxham (a)*. Draw. 0-0; *Launton (a)* Lost. 4-0; *Witney Viking Sports (a)* Lost. 5-0.

DAVID ROLLASON 337351 or 07850-365508

FRIENDSHIP CLUB On May 2 we held a Quiz: not 15 to 1 or The Weakest Link, but nevertheless a most enjoyable afternoon. On May 16 it was a Scrabble Drive – again getting our brains on the move. Mrs. Grundy will give us a travel talk on May 30.

If you are 50+ years young, do come along on alternate Wednesdays. The Club really does live up to its name.

JOYCE MINNEAR 338529

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB Not quite hitting the National team's stunning form, the Sunday team's winning streak was broken on the first game of the season, but restored by wins against Sunningwell and Sandford St Martin. The Saturday team did nearly as well. Membership is growing with the new Vicar joining our 'host' and possibly a Frenchman to join our very own Yank. A broad church indeed – so anyone can fit in! Fund raising activities include a Bottle Stall under the Town Hall at 10 am on May 26; and another Quiz, this time returning to the Unicorn (after another success in Clifton's 'Duke' in April) on June 28 at 7.30 pm. Food for half time is included in the ticket price of £5 – entries to Terry Clinch on 338711, or me. There will also be a Summer Tour to Norfolk in September with two games – families welcome. Next home games to watch are on June 2, 9 and 17. See you there.

ALAN COLLINS 338031

Sadly the **Junior Cricket Club** is struggling to survive. The main problem is finding people to take charge of the two teams and arrange matches. Come on, you Dads, how about volunteering to help the under 11s and under 13s ? Derek Cheeseman from DCC is there to help you but he can't do it all on his own. If you can help, ring Derek on 338609 or speak to me.

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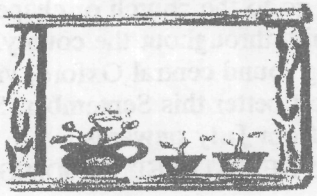

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Combined reports from Sue Goddard, Winifred Holt and Geoff Todd.

After six months of fund-raising the Friends of Deddington Library are delighted to report that they have reached, possibly exceeded, their target of £2000 to be put towards the cost of Library improvements.

The Friends would like to thank everyone who has contributed donations, given practical help, supported the Book Sale, the Literary Quiz, the Library Quizes and sponsored the Choros Concert.

The Choros Concert on May 13 in the Parish Church was the Grand Finale. (Wasn't it great ?) About 200 hundred people, including many children and teddy bears, came to hear this musical menagerie, conducted by Janet Lincé. Choros are always a pleasure to listen to and the concert was enjoyable in so many ways, including the skill with which the younger – and older – members of the audience were encouraged to participate. William Leigh Knight was the baritone soloist in *Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo* and the piano accompanist was Roderic Varty.

Janet Lincé and Choros gave their services, the PCC waived the booking fee for the Church, local businesses sponsored production costs. All helped to ensure that the concert was a resounding success.

Modernisation of the Library will soon begin under the guidance of our Librarian, Rosemary Arnold, bringing increased benefits to the Parish and to surrounding villages.

FDL would like to thank the following sponsors of the Choros concert: *Ashcroft Clinic, Bluebells (florists), Clydesdales, Deddington Antiques Centre, Deddington Arms, Deddington Dental Practice, Dexter's Restaurant, Featherton House, Fish 'n' Chips, P.A.Franklin & Son, Hayward White, Holcombe Hotel, JP Removals, May Fu 11, Otmoors, Steve Miller Hair Workshop, Viva, Webb's Barber Shop, Windmill Stores.*

BOOK SALE.

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We only had one participant last year. She spent the morning walking round central Oxford, visited 20 churches and raised £230 ! It would be marvellous if we could do a bit better this September. Sponsorship forms and lists of churches with maps etc. will be available from me from **July** onwards.

ANGELA WALLER 5 NEW STREET DEDDINGTON 338970

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Friends of Daeda's Wood

We're open. Regrettably there are a few restrictions until F.& M. is officially 'over'; please check these as listed on the notices at both entrances to the Wood. We very much hope that whoever scrawled messages on the main gate and/or took it upon themselves to remove notices on our (and adjoining farmland's) gates has had time to reflect. Daeda's Wood is a Woodland Trust property; access to it is a privilege not a right. Most of us who contributed to the purchase of the land (making it the UK's first Wood-on-Your-Doorstep in 1996) appreciate this, and the fact that it is an amenity for other denizens of the environment as well as for us.

The trees are looking splendid; the wild flowers are late this year but should be coming up to their rampant best about the time of publication. And the damselflies should be back; please notify Sue Goddard of any sightings on 338122.

It's good to learn that Deddington School are planning to take a group along to the Wood this month to combine a picnic with part of a river-study project.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

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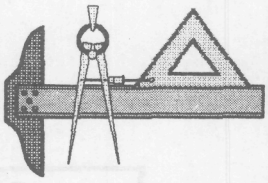

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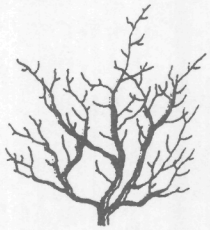

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FROM TANYA CHADWICK, CO-CHAIR, DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

SPONSORED PARACHUTE JUMP. Somehow Mrs. Margaret Sharpe, the Year 2 teacher at the Primary School, and I are going to find ourselves jumping out of an aeroplane at 12000 feet, or to put it another way, at approximately 2.5 miles up. Help ! We bravely – you could say, stupidly – agreed to do this parachute jump to raise some serious money. We want to help move the playground from the front of the School to the rear, providing a more 'child friendly' environment for the children. The estimated cost for this is in the region of £20,000. This is what the PTA has been raising funds for this year and will be again next year. Anyone in the community who would like to sponsor us and help raise the much-needed funds will be able to sign the sponsorship forms at the Post Office. Thanks, Sheena, for your support.

FROM JACKIE WILLIAMSON, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

My mother-in-law lives in Torre Del Mar in southern Spain. For several years she has been teaching English to a young Spanish girl, Ananda, who is 16 and who would love to stay with an English family for a week or two this summer to practice her English. A family with one or two teenagers who are learning Spanish, would be an ideal match. There would be the opportunity of a return visit to Spain. Ananda is an only child who enjoys art and cooking. She is currently studying, with plans to go on to university. If you think you can help, or would like to find out more before committing yourself, please ring me on 337128 or e-mail: jayanem@ccn.go-free.co.uk

E-MAIL FROM ROBIN HALL, robin.hall@ntl.com

I was given a cutting about a head lice cure, using essential oils. As children have a constant battle with the little critters I thought you might like to print the cure. The recipe is: "6 drops of tea-tree, lavender and eucalyptus oil, diluted with 2fl oz. (50ml) unscented oil. Massage into the hair being careful to protect the eyes. After ten minutes wash out. (When using any oil for the first time use protective gloves and dilute it. Then test your child's skin – try inside the elbow - by rubbing on a little diluted lotion and waiting a few hours. If the skin reacts badly, don't use the oil.)" (*Robin subsequently e-mailed to say that the treatment had worked and his daughter's hair is now "critter free". Ed.)*

COUNTY COUNCILLOR NORMAN MATTHEWS *has sent the following response to an earlier Editor's Postbag letter.*

At the Annual Parish Meeting on May 2, County Councillor Matthews replied to a letter published in the April issue of the Deddington News, from Mr. Papworth of Gaveston Gardens, Deddington, regarding the caravan which has been parked for some years in New Street.

Councillor Matthews said that notice had been served to the owner of the caravan to remove it within eight weeks. If this was not done it would be removed by O.C.C. The somewhat lengthy time allowed for removal was considered to be just and proper due to the ill-health of the owner.

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Deddington OnLine www.deddington.org.uk

June 7th is an important date for parishioners. DOL is arranging a public meeting to review its constitution and work. This will be at the **Crown and Tuns, New Street, Deddington, at 6.30pm** for approximately one hour. All parishioners are welcome to attend and meet the DoL Website Editorial Group. There will be ample time for discussion on the present and future content of the website. Your views will count.

Forms are being dispatched to businesses based in the Parish, inviting them to update their free entries in the website business index. If your business is not listed, you may wish to contact Sylvie Spenceley on 338995.

The site is extending its links to other community websites. This will include to www.raf-upper-heyford.org. This "heritage"site as they describe it is run by ex-USAF service personnel in the US. They have shown considerable interest in community websites in North Oxfordshire.

A public forum is now available at www.deddington.org.uk/forum where you can give your views on the lively debates on speeding in the villages, dog mess and other topics. Alternatively you can introduce a new topic for discussion. Copies of contributions are supplied to the Parish Council for their information.

Colin Clark 338064 or Colin.Clark@deddington.net

We apologise for the late arrival of the May issue. The problem was damp paper but we jumped through several hoops before confirming this. At one point we considered a professional print run. The cost ? Approx. **£670**. Advertising revenue covers our basic costs. But without Ruth Johnson, Pat Swash, Jo Mace, indeed **all our volunteers,** neither the DN, nor its free delivery to every parish household, would be possible. Ed.

ON THE FARM

She's back! My missing Swallow came home in the second week of May, a bit bedraggled but at least she is here for one more year. The Foot-and-Mouth saga rumbles on and just what the final death toll will be is anyone's guess. Official figures put it at about 3,000,000 but in reality it could be nearer 6,000,000 animals and most of them are sheep. The true facts may never come out but the one thing that is certain is that we shall not be told anything until later this year. MAFF in its present form may also get culled and some obscure environmental agency put in its place. This would only compound the difficulties in the countryside and alienate farming still further from government. At least MAFF in its present form has first-hand knowledge of the problems in farming today as it has created most of them. This year's lambs got off to a very bad start due to Foot-and-Mouth. We had to keep them in a lot longer than normal and this led to mis-mothering as some of the ewes could not produce enough milk from just hay and sheep cake. When they did go out, the weather was cold and the ground still very wet and we had a number of cases of mastitis (inflamation of the udder). This hit milk production yet again and the grazing problems were further compounded as the meadows were still flooded. But at least we have still got our sheep and things have started to improve, but we will not have any lambs ready for market (if there is one) before the end of June. Again, despite a wet planting time the crops have made big improvements and in fact one or two are looking quite good, so life on the farm is not quite as unhappy as it was last month. Well, that's what I keep telling the Bank Manager. But there's room for improvement yet. At least they have opened the fishing lakes and the mayfly are hatching.

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

NEWS FROM DEDDINGTON POLICE OFFICE

Since 1 May up until 21 May, £500 worth of damage has been caused at the Windmill Centre. It is mindless vandalism. We, the residents of the Parish, have to pay for the replacement or repair of damaged property. Therefore I ask all who use the Windmill to be aware that damage is being caused. If you see anyone damaging property please contact the Police straight away by ringing 999. Police patrols have been stepped up at the Centre and anyone caught causing damage will be arrested and taken to Banbury Police Station.

On a good note, no other crimes have been reported during this period. So if damage had not been caused at the Windmill Centre the Parish would have had a crime-free month. It's a pity that some people have to wreck their own environment. If you have any information about the persons responsible for the damage at the Windmill Centre you can contact me at the Office, or if you wish to remain anonymous you can ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

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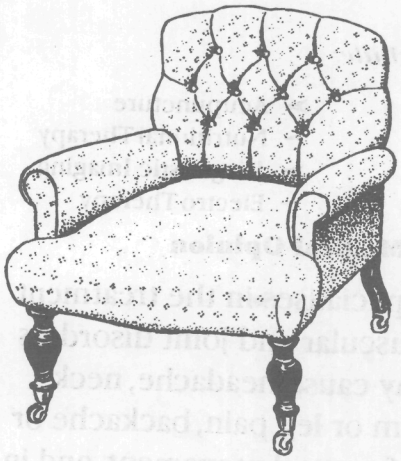
THE THURSDAY CLUB – Report from Professor K.S. Holt

Supported by the PC and Oxfordshire Social Services, The Thursday Club, Deddington's Day Care Centre for senior residents, meets every Thursday, 10 am –3 pm. Members enjoy a good lunch, social activities and excursions. Very early on they decided that they were not dependents in need of care, but members of their own Thursday Club, which thrives as a result of their enthusiasm and the devoted work of staff and volunteers.

Age Concern, with the aid of OCC Social Services, has just published a report on Day Care services for older people in rural Oxfordshire. It is a very good report. I recommend it to all who are interested in our community. To quote: "More than 50% of Oxfordshire's older people live in the country. A range of services has been developed, geared towards promoting their independence; at its heart lie 39 rural Day Centres." The optimism of that quotation has to be balanced by the Report's statistics showing that many elderly people do not have access to essential sevices such as buses, shops and GP practices. 89% of parishes do not have a Day Centre. In Cherwell Valley there are 6 Centres. Deddington is the smallest with 15 places, (10 currently filled) providing for 3.9% of the population over 75 years. The Report give examples of good innovative Day Centre practices which we should study as we develop our own Thursday Club.

The Club welcomes new members. For all enquiries, suggestions, help and information contact the **Co-ordinator, M. Moojen, 337660,** the **Committee Chairman, Jim Flux, 338153,** or myself, **K.S. Holt, Secretary, 338154.**

Please feel welcome to attend the **AGM on Wednesday June 13, 6 30 pm. at the Windmill Centre.**



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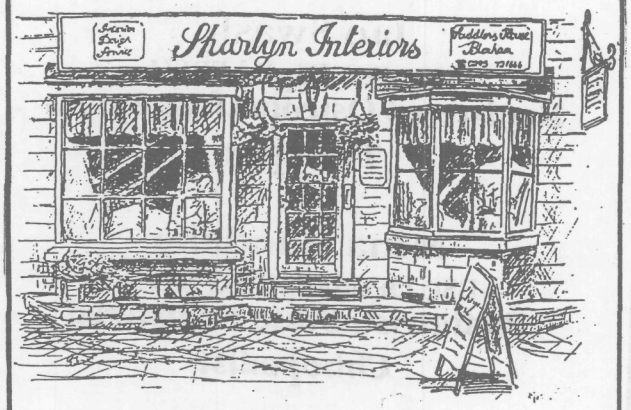

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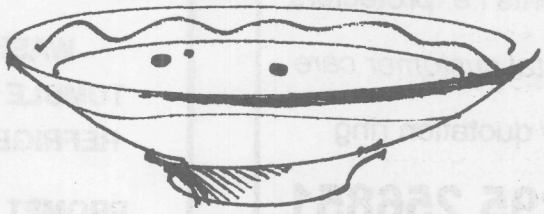

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of June 1851;-

3rd JUNE - I heard from Mr. Brogden wishing me to lend him £100. I called on Mr. Kinch and informed him as Mr. B. requested me, that I could not comply with his request. I sat and had a long chat with Mr. Kinch about various matters. I walked to the timber yard 3 times.

11th JUNE - The Morris dancers and bands attended as usual.

12th JUNE - The Policeman came and I liberated with a reprimand two drunken persons from the Cage.

14th JUNE - A man named Davis from Great Tew, Tailor, came to consult me, his house having been burglariously broken, entered and robbed of all his stock in trade - last night or early this morning. Sent him to Superintendent of Police.

15th JUNE - The policeman called to say they had got the man who broke into and robbed the Tailor's house at Great Tew - and asking me to hear the case tomorrow.

16th JUNE - I went to Mr. Field's and heard a case of burglary against George Savory of Malmesbury, Wilts., in the house of Thomas Davis, Tailor, who was robbed of goods of divers kinds to the amount of £12. The whole of the property was found on the prisoner and I committed him for trial to the Assizes. A loaded gun and pistol with powder and shot, were also found on his person, besides some pawnbroker's tickets, one relative to a watch pawned at Cheltenham but supposed to be stolen from a person from Stockton. Mr. Savory had worked for Davis, lodged and boarded with him for 4 days in April last.

26th JUNE - a most beautiful day - we finished haymaking at 8 o'clock, never was hay in better order. I was busied in the hayfield all day.

A Deddington Farmer's Market?

The response to my article in the May DN about the possibility of a Farmer's Market has been good. There will be a meeting on **Friday June 8th** to discuss next steps – **7.45 pm in the Town Hall.** Peter Hannah of Cherwell District Council, who is responsible for the Banbury Farmer's Market, will be there to offer advice and guidance. So, whether you would be a producer, customer or helper, do come and share in what could be an exciting parish development.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Quiz Night (postponed on 19 May) will now be held on Friday 14 September at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 per person and will include hot meal, sweet, tea and coffee plus entry into the Quiz. Anyone requiring stronger refreshment please bring your bottle and glasses. Tickets available early September. Please let me know as soon as possible as attendance will be limited to 40 on a 'first come first served' basis.
At last the footpath through the narrow gap has been completed. What do people think of it? It is better for pedestrians as long as cars keep off the path but it is narrower for cars. It is difficult to see and a more prominent stop sign would be an advantage.
It is nice to see how neat and tidy St. John's Way looks, with all the kerbs weed-free. The same cannot be said of the lane where I live. This road badly needs treating with weed killer. Last month I appealed for people to help with cleaning, arranging flowers, etc. in St. John's Church. The flower rota is now filled up - many thanks to everyone involved. More people however are needed for cleaning. Anyone who can help, please put your name on the rota on the back of the Church door. Any news for next month, please let me know.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

More than 50 people attended the ceremony to unveil Clifton's Millennium Map on the front lawn of Castle Antiques on May 7. Our thanks to Peter Terry, the cartographer, for cutting the tape; to Deddington Map Group for all their hard work in producing the maps; to the team of craftsmen for designing, making and installing the display case and preparing the site and to John and Judy Vaughan for the refreshments. The sun shone and it was a happy, friendly occasion. There are two spaces on the display and everyone in the village will be invited to come up with ideas on how to fill them. If you haven't yet seen the map, do go along a have a look - it's a magnificent piece of work.
Only two people from Clifton turned out on Clean Up Parish day but between them they managed to pick up several refuse sacks of rubbish from the verges and footpath between Clifton and Deddington. Joggers, dog walkers and cyclists in the village welcome the re-opening of Tithe Lane and look forward to the lifting of all restrictions once Foot-and-Mouth is finally banished. Please give me a call if you have any items for inclusion in this column.

JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128

FIRE SERVICE

Fire calls : In the 2 months since we last put pen to paper we have received 23 calls: 2 chimney fires; 1 shop fire; 2 car fires; 1 bonfire; 1 road traffic accident; 1 barn fire; 1 fire at Macdonald's, Ruscote Avenue, Banbury and 1 call to a person who had collapsed. Total: 51 which is exactly the same as last year.
Training : Neil Radbourne has started on his induction training and should be near completion this time next month.
Fire Safety : Now that the warmer weather is here (we hope) and everyone is thinking about barbecues I would like to include below a Press Release by the Chief Fire Officer.
'Don't invite the Fire Brigade to your Barbecue! Oxfordshire County Council's Chief Fire Officer Mr. John Parry says " Annually there are over 1000 injuries to people caused by misuse of barbecues across the country. We love to see people enjoying the summer but we don't want to come round when it's more than your sausages burning!" Mr. Parry offered the following advice to everyone:
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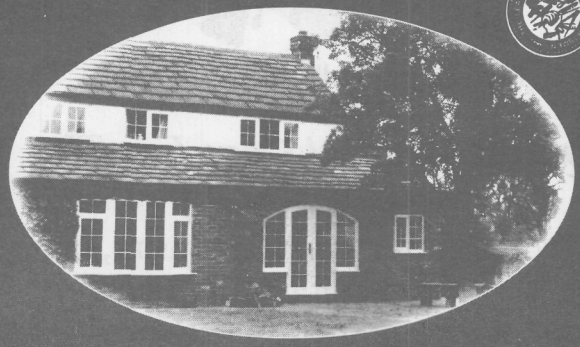

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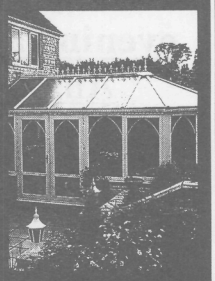

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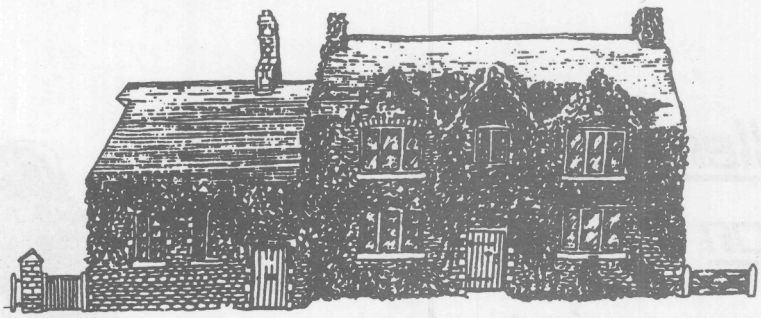

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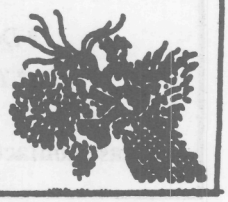

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DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

Congratulations to the people of Clifton. On their own initiative, and at their own expense, they have produced an attractive and informative wayside feature, built round sections of the Millennium Map (see Jackie Williamson's report, elsewhere in this issue). I wonder if the people of Hempton might be planning something of the sort for their village.

Congratulations also to the History Society and Oxford University Department for Continuing Education on their excellent study day on Deddington Castle.

Maps are useful, if not essential, in a wide variety of activities and undertakings. We hope (and believe) that the Millennium Map will be a source of information and interest for many years to come.

Norman Stone 338019

GARDENING NOTES

Here we are right in the middle of the planting and bedding out season and I am going to natter on about reducing gardening for the elderlies. There comes a time when everybody has this panicky feeling that the acreage is too much and something must be done. That is, short of moving. So while I was weeding peacefully I thought about the problem. A garden that's too big needs to be made smaller. So what about having a large bed made into a Patio and dabbing containers on top? I have always wanted a fountain so what about some water sprouting out of the middle of it? What about eliminating smaller odd sized beds and incorporating them into the lawn? How about planting out shrubs which have to be dealt with at waist level rather than down there, where it's difficult to get up again.

At Overthorpe School we had a dear old gardener, Mr. Tompkins. He arrived on his two days a week with a green baize apron tied round him and settled to some specific task for the day, pruning just one Pyrocanthus or Clematis. He'd do this slowly and deliberately, standing back every now and then to survey his work. He ended up with a beautiful job. This sort of gardener does not exist any more. Nowadays he would go to College and be in charge of a Parks Department or teach horticulture. I compare this with my method of gardening. I have always thought that my butterfly system of hopping from one task to the other was unprofessional. But wait a minute - it's not such a bad idea for someone older. Spending too long on one job is the trouble. Half an hour's weeding at a time is enough before the backache sets in. In future I'll do that and then go and prune for half an hour but restrict the reaching up. Then do something easy like tying up the Clematis or emptying the compost bucket. Then back to weeding; it's surprising what can be done in penny numbers. I'll report on how I get on with this. The garden looks nice in spite of all the cold and wet. Wall Roses and Lilac are out and the greenery looks fresh and pretty. A few days ago I replaced the Pansies in our tub in front of the house. Some super-slug has been grazing there and reduced the ones we planted earlier to nothing. Hostas maybe, but Pansies? I spread a few handfuls of gravel over the surface between the nearby Tulips and that seems to have done the trick. Within three or four days the Pansies have recovered and with the new ones have made a colourful tub. By next month the containers will be planted up and we'll be into summer.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

'When you get down to it ... gardening is a long drawn out war of attrition against the elements, a tripartite agreement involving animal, insect and bird worlds' ... Alan Melville

A lovely morning - sun shining through the bedroom window beckoning me to the allotment BUT like a petulant child I lay there telling myself I did not want to go, no I would not go - why should I battle against pigeons, slugs, greenfly, blight AND rabbits, get backache and pray for rain when everyone else is praying for sun? Cultivating the allotment is very much in the balance and while our other allotmenteers have bravely put their best collective foot forward, mine has remained at home. I am pinning my hopes, however, on yet another book recommended in The Daily Telegraph, titled 'Gardening with the Enemy', written, we are told, by 'afflicted gardener Janet Thomson'. I may be back!

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DN 25th Birthday Poetry Competition

The response to last month's announcement of our Poetry Competition has not been overwhelming. Two entries so far. There must be more poets in the Parish, those who thrill to the trochee and the anapaest. Or who enjoy writing free verse, blank verse, heroic couplets, triolets, Portuguese sonnets, clerihews, limericks, the much under-rated doggerel. The choice is yours. Let imagination and language soar. (If nothing else it will be a welcome respite from listening to spin doctors misusing the language left, right and centre.)
A reminder of the rules. Subject: Castles. Length: not more than 30 lines. Form: whatever you choose. Entries (clearly typed or written, with your name) by **Friday, June 15** to Editor, 5 The Leyes, Deddington. Open to everyone in the Parish (DN Commttee members excepted). There will be an adult and a junior prize. **STOP PRESS.** The Primary School has just confirmed that it is taking part. Excellent news !

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THE GOZO / DEDDINGTON CONNECTION

After the Tasmanian connection Elizabeth Tothill has discovered a Mediterranean link. She writes...

" 'Hello, do you come from Banbury ? I was born there !'
Frank was loading groceries into our Banbury-purchased car in Victoria, Gozo. Further conversation with the speaker, Josephine Warren, revealed that Jo's mother was born in Deddington, the daughter of Dr. Jones. As my research for writing the Jones Memorial Windows booklet stopped at the death of Muriel Vane Jones, I was anxious to hear what subsequently happened to the family of this very popular Deddington doctor.
Dr. Jones died in November, 1939. His obituary mentions the gift of land and cottages (to the south of the Co-op Stores) to build a community social hall as a memorial to himself and Muriel and to be called the Coronation Hall. Jo Warren, his granddaughter, has no idea what happened to this land but my personal guess is that after WW11 the Parish Council could no longer afford such a large project.
Dr Jones' daughter, Lesley, went to Westonbirt and then joined the WRNS where she became a gunnery instructress. It seems she distinguished herself by shooting down an enemy aircraft over Portsmouth towards the end of the war. She later got into 'hot water' for this as there was no Officer present. She replied that she didn't have time to find one as they were all in the pub !
Lesley Jones married Leonard Warren and after the War they bought a dairy farm in Northamptonshire. They had three children – Josephine was the only daughter. They prospered, breeding three Royal Show winners. Then came the 1967 Foot and Mouth outbreak (Jo still remembers the joy of being off school) and, though their herd was unaffected, the Warrens decided to move overseas. While on holiday in Malta they fell in love (like so many people before and since) with a farmhouse on Gozo. They moved here with their family, several horses and never returned to England.
And Dr. Jones' granddaughter, Josephine ? She was trained in the conservation of antiquities at the Museum of London, then housed in Kensington Palace. After her parents died she returned to Gozo and has been here ever since. Of her two brothers, Christopher died at 35 and Timothy moved to Australia.
Jo asked me, 'Has anyone heard the ghosts of the Parish Church recently, or have they disappeared?' She explained that while her grandmother was arranging flowers in the Lady Chapel she had heard a sung Latin Mass acompanied by beautiful organ music. This was also heard by someone riding past the church at 6 am. in the morning. If anyone else has heard this ghostly choir please will they let us know."

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DEDDINGTON CASTLE – STUDY DAY

On Saturday May 12 over 80 people, most from towns and villages well beyond Oxfordshire, attended a Study Day at the Windmill Centre, and later on-site, about Deddington Castle, organised by OUDCE. Dr. Chris Day was one of the lecturers. It was an excellently informative and enjoyable occasion. Colin Cohen from Barford has written a report. Unfortunately we don't have room to print it this month but it will be in the July issue.

Ed.

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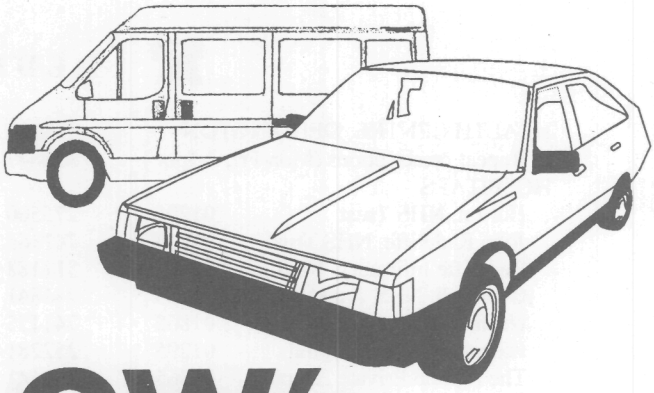

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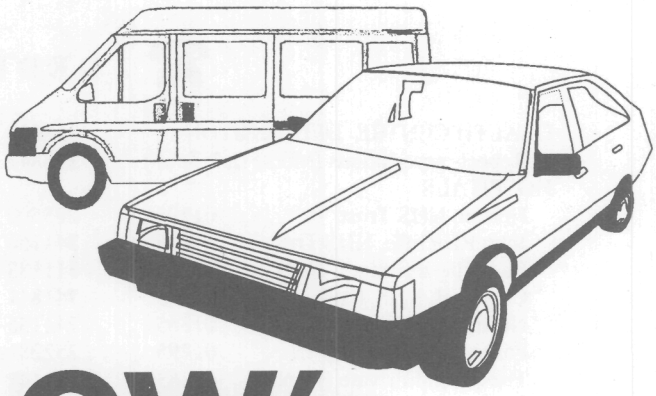

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